(c) what action is being taken by Government to reopen the plant and restart the production and what action is being taken by Government for non-fulfilment of statutory anti-pollution measures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Supreme Court had issued an order on 19.2.93 allowing two months time to the Durgapur unit of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited (HFC) for installation of standard pollution control measures. In compliance of these orders, HFC has undertaken a member of pollution control measures such as arsenic treatment plant, chromate treatment plant, steam stripping unit and air stripping unit in urea plant for treatment of effluent. However, hydrolyser stripper system for treatment of ammonical effluent could not be installed due to fund constraints.

(c) The Supreme Court has suspended the closure orders of the Durgapur unit on 10.3.95 for a period of five months on the basis of an affidavit filed by the West Bengal Pollution Control Board on completion of bio-hydrolyser effluent treatment plant by HFC. The Durgapur unit is likely to resume production operations in the first week of April, 1995.

उर्वरकों की उपलब्धता, सप्लाई और गुणवत्ता

1740 **श्री आस मोहम्मद:** क्या **रसायन और उर्वरक** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उर्वरकों की उपलब्धता सप्लाई और गुणवत्ता नियंत्रण में नहीं है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार की इस पर क्या प्रतिक्रिया है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो सरकार ने इसके नियंत्रण हेतु क्या प्रयास किए हैं?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुवर्डो फलेरो) : (क) से (ग) यूरिया की उपलब्धता, जो वितरण और संचलन नियंत्रण के अध्यधीन है, का निर्धारण आवश्यक वस्तु अधिनियम, 1955 के अधीन उर्वरक (नियंत्रण) आदेश, 1985 के ढांचे के अन्तर्गत सरकार द्वारा किए गए आबंटनों द्वारा किया जाता है। अनियंत्रित उर्वरकों की उपलब्धता/आपूर्ति का निर्धारण बाजार शक्तियों द्वारा किया जाता है। नियंत्रित तथा अनियंत्रित उर्वरकों दोनों के सम्बन्ध में गुणवत्ता नियंत्रण उर्वरक (नियंत्रण) आदेश, 1985 के अधीन सक्षम प्राधिकारियों द्वारा किया जाता है।

Proposal for revival of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd

1741. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal regarding revival of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFCL) was got prepared by the Ministry through a Technical Committee in July, 1994;

(b) if so, whether the same is to be approved by the group of Ministers before submission to BIFR for implementation;

(c) if so, when the same proposal was forwarded to a group of Ministers by the Ministry of Fertilizers and how much time has been taken by the group of Ministers to approve or disapprove the scheme; and

(d) how far the delay in taking a decision will effect the financial investment envisaged in the Technical Committee report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The proposal was forwarded for submission to the Group of Ministers on 13.1.1995. One sitting of the Group of Ministers has already been held. The financial projections given in the proposals still hold good.

Acquisition of majority shares by union carbide

1742. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Calcutta-based multinational Mc Leod Russel India has acquired a majority controlling share in Union Carbide;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how does it affect the interests of the Bhopal gas victims, including the feelings for mitigating the hardships and treatment of the persons affected by various ailments resulting from the gas leak?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) M/s Mcleod Russel (India) Ltd. (MRIL) is a public limited company incorporated on March, 1976 under the Companies Act, 1956. This company is engaged in the business of growing, manufacturing and sale of Tea. It is a member of the Williamson Magor Group of companies which is headed by Mr. B. M. Khaitan. The Company has acquired 50.0 per cent of the equity shares of Union Carbide India Limited (UCIL) held by Union Carbide Corporation (UCC), USA. These shares have been sold by the Trustee of the Bhopal Hospital Trust on the directions of the Supreme Court The shares have been sold so that Rs. 60 crores could be made available for the construction of a hospital at Bhopal for the treatment of the persons affected by various ailments resulting from the gas leak.

Price control of drugs required under National Health Policy

1743. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state whether drugs required for control of diseases under National Health Policy have been kept under the price control under the New Drug Policy; if so, the names of the drugs under price control as well as those left tt the free market pressures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): In accordance with the criteria laid down in the 'Modifications in the Drug Policy, 1986, 4 bulk drugs viz. (1) Streptomycin (under National T. B. Eradication Programme); Tetracycline Mcl (under National Trachoma Control Programme and National Programme for control of blindness); (3) Chloroquine; and (4) Amodiaquin (under National Malaria Eradication Programme) come under the price control under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995. Order, 1995. The remaining 17 bulk drugs out of the earlier list of 21 drugs under DPCO, 1987, which do not come under price control on the basis of above criteria are as under:

S.No.	Name of the Bulk Drug
1.	Isoniazid
2.	Thiacetazone
3.	Ethambutol
4.	Sodium PAS
5.	Pyrazinamide
6.	Dapsone
7.	Clofazibine
8.	Pilocarpine
9.	Hydrocortisone
10.	Iodoxuridine